

WOLF TRAPPING SEASONS 2011-2012

ZONE (HUNTING UNITS)	SEASON DATES	NOTES
Panhandle (1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 9)	Nov 15 - Mar 31	Trapping Open in Units 1, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 9. Units 2 and 3 Closed .
Palouse-Hells Canyon (8, 8A, 11, 11A, 13, 18)	Closed	
Lolo (10, 12)	Nov 15 - Mar 31	
Dworshak-Elk City (10A, 14, 15, 16)	Nov 15 - Mar 31	Trapping Open in Units 14, 15, 16 only. Unit 10A Closed .
Selway (16A, 17, 19, 20)	Nov 15 - Mar 31	
Middle Fork (20A, 26, 27)	Nov 15 - Mar 31	
Salmon (21, 21A, 28, 36B)	Closed	
McCall-Weiser (19A, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, 32, 32A)	Closed	
Sawtooth (33, 34, 35, 36, 39)	Closed	
Southern Mountains (29, 36A, 37, 37A, 43, 44, 48, 49, 50, 51)	Closed	
Beaverhead (30, 30A, 58, 59, 59A)	Closed	
Island Park (60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 64, 65, 67)	Closed	
Southern Idaho (38, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 52, 52A, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 63A, 66, 66A, 68, 68A, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78)	Closed	

Wolves with Radio Collars: Idaho Fish and Game personnel use radio collars to monitor wolf activity, assess population status, and help determine future trapping opportunity. Though it is legal to do so, Fish and Game encourages people to avoid shooting radio-collared wolves. Trappers are required to return any radio collars when they check in their wolf.

For general rules and license requirements, please consult the 2011 Big Game Seasons and Rules.

To find out whether a wolf zone is closed, call **1-855-648-5558**.

Within 72 hours of harvesting a wolf, trappers must report it at **1-855-648-5558**.

Trappers must present hide and skull to a Fish and Game regional office within 10 days.

Wolf tags, \$11.50 for residents, \$31.75 for nonresidents, are available at all Idaho license vendors.

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Idaho Wolf Trapping Seasons and Rules

November 2011 – March 2012



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2011 Wolf Trapping Seasons and Rules General Rules

A person must have trapping license and attend a wolf trapping class before purchasing tags for wolf trapping. Wolf trapping classes will be offered in all regions. Dates and times will be posted on the Fish and Game website: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/hunt/?getPage=266>.

To report a wolf harvest, call: 1-855-648-5558.

To find out which zones are closed, call: 1-855-648-5558, or visit <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/hunt/?getPage=266>.

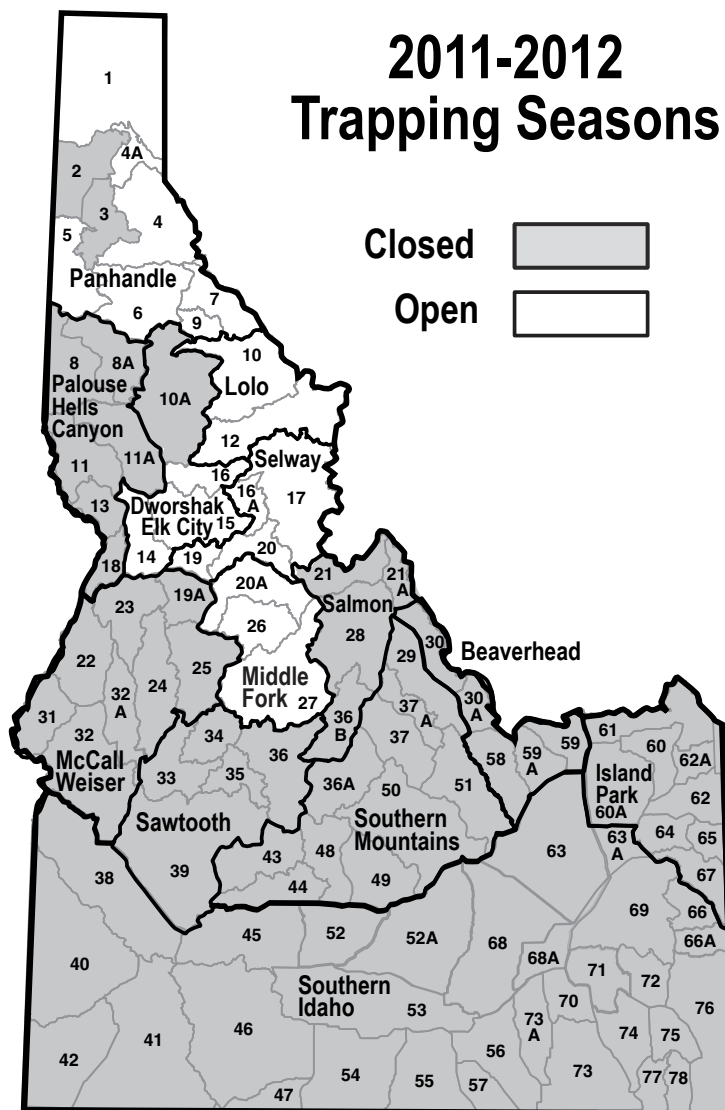
For more specific information about the number of wolves harvested and reported for each management zone, call an Idaho Fish and Game regional office, headquarters in Boise, or the website at: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/hunt/?getPage=266>.

Evidence of Sex: Must be left attached to the hide of any wolf taken. External evidence of sex (scrotum, penis, or testicles for males, or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check requirement has been satisfied. Either sex may be taken.

Bag Limit: Trappers may buy up to three tags with a trapping license for use in those zones with an open trapping season in addition to two tags purchased for hunting; un-used tags from hunting season (up to two) may also be used to tag trapped wolves.

No person may take more wolves than the number for which he or she possesses legal tags. Tags must be validated and securely attached immediately upon killing a wolf.

Mandatory Report and Check: Traps must be checked at least every 72 hours. Trappers must report killing a wolf within 72 hours by calling the Wolf Reporting Number at **1-855-648-5558**. Trappers must also, within 10 days of the date of kill, present the skull and hide to a Fish and Game regional office or conservation officer for removal and retention of a premolar tooth and to have the hide tagged with an



official state export tag. To have a raw wolf hide in their possession without an official export tag attached, a person must have a fur buyer or taxidermist license or appropriate import documentation, except during the open season and for five days after the close of the season.

A trapper may authorize another person to comply with the mandatory report, provided that person has enough information to accurately complete the necessary form. Please thaw your wolf hide and skull before bringing it in for tagging.

Methods of Take: Snares and foot-hold traps are legal during the wolf trapping season. Snares must be equipped with diverters and a break-away device or stop within the loop, and the inside jaw spread of foot-hold traps must not exceed nine inches.

Bait: It is unlawful: to use any part of a domestic or wild origin game bird, big game, upland game, game fish or protected nongame wildlife, or to use live animals as bait or an attractant; to use any set within 30 feet of any visible bait, except it is legal to trap wolves beyond 30 feet of a naturally killed big game species as long as the carcass is left undisturbed. It is unlawful to use a dirt hole set with bait unless the bait remains covered at all times to protect raptors and other meat-eating birds from being caught accidentally, or to trap wolves within 200 yards of the perimeter of any designated dump or sanitary landfill. (For additional trapping rules, see page 36 of the Upland Game, Furbearer & Turkey rules.)

Big Game Feeding Sites: It is unlawful to trap wolves within a half mile of any active Idaho Fish and Game big game feeding site.

Weapons Restrictions: Same as for other big game animals, see Page 67 in the 2011 Big Game Rules brochure.

Electronic Calls: Electronic calls may be used to attract wolves for the purpose of harvest.

Telemetry: It is unlawful to take wolves with the aid of radio-telemetry.

Dogs: Use of dogs to attract or pursue wolves is prohibited.

Retrieving Meat: Trappers are not required to retrieve meat from a harvested wolf. For tips on skinning a wolf, contact a regional Fish and Game office.

Incidental Wolf Take: Trappers who do not have wolf tags and who accidentally capture a wolf must release the wolf uninjured and must report the capture to an Idaho Fish and Game employee within five days of release.

Trappers who accidentally capture a wolf that cannot be released uninjured must notify a Fish and Game employee immediately to collect the animal. No one may keep an incidentally taken wolf.